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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS PROGRAM FOR AFGHANISTAN - AERIAL SURVEY

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1. AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY AID MISSION DIRECTOR BROWN, CALLED ON AFGHAN AIR AUTHORITY PRESIDENT PRINCE SULTAN GHAZI TUESDAY, MAY 8, TO ASSURE AVAILABILITY BAKHTAR AIRCRAFT FOR HELMAND VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHIC OPERATION (REF). DUE TO RECENTLY ASCERTAINED CONSTRAINTS, LIMITED TIME AVAILABILITY OF BAKHTAR AIRCRAFT AND INCREASES IN COST ESTIMATES AND AMOUNT OF FILM NEEDED FOR COMPLETE HELMAND VALLEY COVERAGE, A SAMPLE SURVEY HAS BEEN DEVELOPED WITH MULTIPLE OBJECTIVES. INCLUDED IN THESE OBJECTIVES IS EXPERIMENTATION WITH LIMITED LOCAL FACILITIES (SINGLE AVAILABLE CAMERA, NO COLOR OR INFRA- RED PROCESSING FACILITIES) TO ASCERTAIN TO WHAT EXTENT POPPIES CAN BE IDENTIFIED AND CULTIVATED AREAS MEASURED. IN ORDER TO ASCERTAIN WHAT CAN BE IDENTIFIED AT DIFFERENT ALTITUDES, AIRCRAFT PASSES ARE TO BE MADE BOTH AT 750 METERS AND 1500 METERS ALTITUDE WHICH WILL REVEAL RESPECTIVELY 1 TO 5,000 AND 1 TO 10,000 SCALE. GROUND TRUTH OBSERVATION TEAMS WILL BE IN PLACE .

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2. GHAZI ORDERED AIRCRAFT, IN PRESENCE AMBASSADOR AND BROWN, BE MADE AVAILABLE STARTING THURSDAY, MAY 10, FOR FOUR TO FIVE DAYS UTILIZATION.

3. FIRST PHASE OF IMPLEMENTATION POSSIBLE INCOME SUBSTITUTION PROGRAM, THEREFORE, UNDERWAY.
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